

# e-Bugle

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## Calendar

Fri., June 24	Pick up your Bugle in Penn Place lobby	Thurs., Aug. 18	GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., June 25	Large item pickup	Sat., Aug. 20	GIVES, Farmer's Market, 9 am-12 pm
Sun., June 26	Art at Penn Place, new exhibit: Suzi Gifford, till July 23 (see p 6)	Sun., Aug. 21	Art at Penn Place, new exhibit: Jennifer Kahn Barlow, paintings, though Sept. 17 (see p 6)
Wed., June 29	Street cleaning (see p 3)	Sun., Aug. 28	Meet-the-Artist reception, Jennifer Kahn Barlow, Penn Place, 3-5 pm
Thurs., June 30	GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm	Thurs., Sept. 1	GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm
Mon., July 4	4th of July activities (see poster)	Mon., Sept. 5	Labor Day, no trash pickup
Thurs., July 7	GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm	Fri., Sept. 9	Film Society, <i>Das Boot</i> ; supper 7 pm, film 8 pm
Sat., July 9	GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am-12 pm	Sat., Sept. 10	GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am-12 pm
Sun., July 10	Meet-the-Artist reception, Suzi Gifford, Penn Place, 3-5 pm	Mon., Sept. 12	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm
Mon., July 11	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm	Tues., Sept. 13	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm
Sat., July 16	GIVES, Farmer's Market, 9 am-12 pm	Thurs., Sept. 15	Deadline for next <i>Bugle</i> ; GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm
Thurs., July 21	GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Sept. 17	GIVES, Farmer's Market, 9 am-12 pm
Sun., July 24	Art at Penn Place, new exhibit: Dave Almy, "Art in Architecture," till August 20 (see p 6)	Fri., Sept. 23	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at PO lobby
Sun., July 31	Meet-the-Artist reception, Dave Almy, Penn Place, 3-5 pm	Sun., Sept. 25	Newcomers Welcome, Town Hall
Thurs., Aug. 4	GPJams, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Oct. 1	Large item pickup
Sat., Aug. 6	GIVES, Penn Place, 9 am-12 pm		
Mon., Aug. 8	No Town Council meeting		

## Streets and Houses

The early evening walk to June's Town Council meeting was a study in deer-resistant landscaping.

Things got going with the Council voting to go into closed session later in the meeting in order to discuss a personnel issue.

Dick Pratt then addressed the Council. "I sent out an e-mail recently and I don't think my main message was picked up. I'm concerned about the demolition of the Chevy house at 4423 Strath-

more. We seem to have lost our first Chevy house, and my impression is that there was never any hearing or discussion about it. I know it's difficult to prevent a demolition, but this is such a serious case that I think we should learn from whatever happened and try to be in a better position to deal with it next time. We need at least to lay out the basics of what happened in this case, and then step back and examine it, and see if we can prevent such an outcome in the future."

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# Town Manager’s Notes

*End of fiscal year.* Thursday, June 30, marks the end of fiscal year 2016. The town ends the year in good financial standing and with many improvement projects underway. These include the sidewalk project, improvements to the infrastructure of Penn Place and the Town Hall, work with the county on improvements to Wells Park, and repairs to town sidewalks.

One of our most important activities is the ongoing care of the trees and grounds within town. A special thanks goes to our maintenance crew for keeping the town beautiful. Butch and Frank are particularly busy this time of year—thanks to them for their hard work.

*Street cleaning.* Town streets will be cleaned on Wednesday, June 29. Remember to move vehicles off the streets that day so the sweeping can be done from curb to curb.

*July 4th celebration.* The celebration, sponsored by the Citizens Association, is shaping up to be a good time with lots of food, music, games, and, of course, the annual parade. This year’s theme is “Maryland, My Maryland.” We look forward to seeing everyone on the 4th!

*Building permit reminder.* If you plan to do any work to your home over the summer, please remember to check with the Town Office to determine whether a town and/or county permit is required. This will save you time, since most projects require a Garrett Park building permit, and you’ll need this approval to submit to the county in order to get their approval.

*Large item collection.* Large item pickup over the summer will be on Saturday, June 25. The next one will be on Saturday, October 1.

Please be sure to place your items curbside no later than Friday.

*Summer traffic.* Drivers, please be aware of the increase in foot traffic, especially children walking to and from the swimming pool and Cambria Park.

Everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer! You are always welcome to call or stop by the Town Office with questions or concerns: 301-933-7488.

Gene Swearingen, Town Manager

## Peaceful Bull to Garrett Park Archives

The Garrett Park Archives has received another wonderful historic collection of material, this from the former home of Munro Leaf, the late author of the groundbreaking book, *The Story of Ferdinand*, about a bull who would rather smell flowers than fight in the arenas, and some 30 other children’s books. It also includes material from his wife, Margaret, the author of a famous illustrated book, *The Eye of the Dragon*, and other works. The material had been rescued from the Leaf house on Rokeby by realtor Kay Hager, who donated the several boxes of material to the archives earlier this month.

The collection includes several hundred pages of manuscripts, both typed and hand-written, plus a large number of hand-done illustrations that appeared in Leaf’s books. Much of the material at first glance appears to be early drafts of books, plays and poems, some with Leaf’s rewrite marginalia. There are also a number of personal items, such as a hand-made book, obviously Margaret’s mother’s child diary, detailing Margaret’s early years starting in 1908, and correspondence with co-authors, illustrators, publishers, and friends about the couple’s literary output. A large number of photographs, many dating from Leaf’s wartime military and State Department career (including more than one of Leaf and General of the Army Omar Bradley, who commanded US forces in WWII, discussing matters). Other people in the photos remain to be identified. (Sorry: We do not yet know whether we have a rare early version of *Ferdinand*).

As soon as we have sorted and cataloged the collection, we will have a display in the display case in the Penn Place lobby. And Marian Green says she may do one of her amazing Town Hall programs about the couple in the spring, and invites any children’s librarian interested in working on the project to help. Of course, we would also welcome everybody to visit the archives to see that material and everything else in our amazing collections.

And *parents*, remember: If your rising senior high school student child needs Student Service Learning credits this summer, they can get them in the archives. It’s instructive and fun.

Charles Snyder



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# Citizens Association Notes

Important! Please note the *new* dates for the Newcomers Welcome (September 25) and Spooky Woods (October 22). Also, in order to put on big events for the town, the Citizens Association needs your help:

July 4th: If you plan to volunteer for the 4th of July activities, please let me know as soon as possible. We still need people!

Spooky Woods: I need a minimum of 20 adults who can volunteer to set up, scare people, and clean up: please contact me. I will have to cancel the 2016 Spooky Woods if I don't get enough volunteers.

2016 dates to save. No CA meetings are scheduled for the summer. Contact us if you have an idea!

- 4th of July: Fun Run, parade, BBQ, live music! (See poster.)
- *New date!* Newcomers Welcome: Sunday, September 25
- *New date!* Spooky Woods: Saturday, October 22

*Future meetings.* Do you have a suggestion or idea for a meeting topic that you feel would be of interest to the town? If so, please forward your thoughts to Sean Conlan or send a note to Box 456.

*Annual dues.* The Citizens Association 2016 annual dues are being collected. The annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$25 per family. Thank you to all of those who have already paid. For those who have not, please submit dues by mailing them to the Citizens Association at Box 456.

*Garrett Park listserv.* Our neighborhood is made up of people with a wide variety of backgrounds,

skills, perspectives, and experiences. Tap into these resources and stay informed with the Garrett Park neighborhood listserv. The listserv is an electronic forum for neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services (for example, contractors, lawn care, doctors, and baby sitters). The listserv will not be used for unsolicited marketing, and you can unsubscribe at any time. To join, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at [groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join).

*Questions or comments for the Citizens Association?* If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Sean Conlan.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

We're heading into summer with an updated list of Garrett Park volunteers who are willing to provide rides when needed—to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, pharmacy, etc. Here it is:

Barbara Abraham	Montrose
Kathy Chamberlin	Montrose
Glenda or Ken Ingham	Rokeby
Jane or Ken Salomon	Waverly
Veronica or Terry Sauvain	Clermont

If you'd like to add your name to this list, please call Elizabeth in the Town Office: 301-933-7488.

We hope you enjoy a beautiful, very green Garrett Park summer, starting with our Annual 4th of July celebration. Have fun and stay cool!

Lunch Bunch takes a summer break until Tuesday, September 13.

# Summer Jobs List

Please see the list in the printed *Bugle*. It is the *Bugle's* policy not to include names of minor children, private telephone numbers, or private e-mail addresses in the e-*Bugle*.

If you are not on this list and would like to be, please call Elizabeth to add your name to the ongoing Town Office list: 301-933-7488.

- ♪ Has anyone else noticed the young, solo deer who seems to have taken up permanent residence on Montrose near Argyle? Besides making himself at home in various front yards, he was seen halfway up a long flight of garden steps, going after the goodies.
- ♪ Kay Abrams sent us an update about her daughter, Leah, who spent two years post college at NIH in the human genome building on an Intramural Research Training Award fellowship, concentrating on biogenetic and

social behavioral research. Last year, she pursued a master's in epidemiology at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and is working at Kaiser Permanente this summer as a data analyst. She returns to Michigan this fall to complete her master's and pursue a doctorate in health organization services and health policy.

- ♪ On their recent trip to Alsace, *Bugle* editor Barbara Collier and husband Jonathan Paul, while hiking through woodland, had their first experience of hearing a cuckoo. It sounds just the way you think it does.

## This Year's Graduates

Congratulations to the current crop of graduates! The following are the ones who got in touch with the *Bugle*. If you are or know of a graduate who did not get on this list, just let us know and we will put an update in the October issue, which appears late September.

### High School:

Kevin Berry, from Georgetown Prep; will attend Fordham University

Elijah Cole from Walter Johnson; will attend Temple University, majoring in jazz performance

Jessica Joseph, from Walter Johnson; will attend Colorado State

Ryan Mayhew, from Walter Johnson; will attend the University of Delaware, studying computer science with a music minor

Stephanie Moya, from Walter Johnson; will attend Towson University

Eva Silverman, from the School for Tomorrow; will attend Eugene Lang College at the New School in New York City

### College:

Michael Ross Abrams, from St Mary's College of Maryland, double major in English and his-

tory; will attend University of Michigan Law School, on scholarship to study public interest law

Peter Ionno, from St Mary's College of Maryland; will join the workforce

Cameron Keyani, from St Mary's College of Maryland; BA in history and political science; following work at a campaign during the primaries, is applying to congressional internships, nonprofits, and lobbying firms

Djamil Lakhdar-Hamina, from Columbia University, dual BA: in philosophy from Columbia and in political science of the Middle East from the Institut d'études politiques de Paris (SciencesPo); plans to work for a year before graduate school

Ginger Mayhew, from the University of Delaware, BA in early childhood education; will be teaching kindergarten/first grade at the First State Montessori Academy in Wilmington, Delaware

Nichole Marie Witten, from University of South Carolina Honors College, summa cum laude, BS math (Jeong S. Yang Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mathematics), BS chemistry

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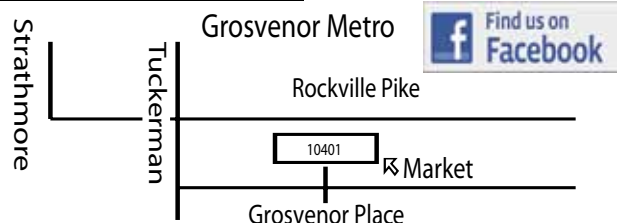
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# Summer 2016 Art at Penn Place

The Penn Place Gallery will be exhibiting throughout the summer, after a brief closure (June 19 to 25) for annual repairs.

*Suzi Gifford.* From June 26 through July 23, the Gallery will exhibit the work of Garrett Park artist Suzi Gifford. A resident of Garrett Park for 25 years, Suzi received her BFA from the Corcoran College of Art & Design in Washington, DC, and taught children’s classes at the Corcoran Gallery. She attended graduate school at the American University in Washington, DC, studying art management, and is a member of the Montgomery Art Association and the Rockville Art League, as well as co-chair of the Penn Place Gallery.

Inspired by the drawings of the Golden Age illustrators, Suzi began her art career as a free-lance illustrator. Having taught art to children for many years, Suzi especially enjoyed leading the Garrett Park Youth Art Show this year, and volunteers many hours teaching art, poetry, and gardening to assisted living seniors. Suzi also worked many years at Johnson’s Flower and Garden Center, where she was lured into the colorful world of flowers. Suzi’s perennial garden—home to deer, rabbits, fox, squirrels, and a huge variety of birds—has been the inspiration for many of her unique paintings. The purpose of Suzi’s art is simply to create joyful moments, appreciate nature, celebrate color, and inspire imagination. You can see more of Suzi’s work at [thepaintedbungalow.com](http://thepaintedbungalow.com), including portraits and whimsically painted furniture.

Please join us at Suzi’s Meet-the-Artist reception on July 10, from 3 to 5 pm.

*Dave Almy.* Beginning July 24, we are pleased to present “Art in Architecture” by Garrett Park artist David Almy.

During Dave’s career as an architect, he has designed a variety of projects, including new residential homes and remodeling, over 200 banks, several schools, and many swimming pools,

natatoriums, and water parks. In his work, Dave has strongly depended upon his ability to draw, as a tool to demonstrate his designs. Dave’s show will give us a glimpse of the varied art techniques employed to create architectural design, including very loose pencil sketches, pen and ink drawings, water color, and colored pencil renderings. Also included will be a few photographs of the completed projects.

Dave’s work will be on exhibit through August 20, and he looks forward to seeing you at his Meet-the-Artist Reception on July 31, from 3 to 5 pm.

*Jennifer Kahn Barlow.* On August 21, Penn Place Gallery will present the beautiful work of Jennifer Kahn Barlow, our 2015 Invitational winner. Jennifer’s confectionery paintings were recently exhibited at Strathmore Art Center, and distill precious moments from the normal chaos of daily life.

“The indulgences I render in oil on canvas, speak simultaneously to a powerful cultural trend as well as a personal challenge. As a mother of two young children, time is the most elusive of all commodities. Its value is made commensurate through my rendering of sweets.”

The French Macaron, Jennifer’s primary source of inspiration, has emerged as a metaphor for all of her desires for indulgence temporarily placed on hold due to motherly duties. Composed amongst many of the trappings of daily life (reading glasses, coffee cup, tea set), these delicious oases offer a brief hiatus from life’s daily operations. Holding on to these glorious indulgences in a permanent state of joy is the goal of so much of Jennifer’s work, as she seeks to capture the full splendor of life, its brief indulgences, as well as its harder-won rewards.


Please join Jennifer at her Meet-the-Artist reception on August 28 from 3 to 5 pm, and don’t miss this delicious exhibit, which will be on display through September 17.

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## Letter from the Mayor

One of the areas in which we are receiving numerous requests from residents right now is traffic control. During the sidewalk discussions, considerable testimony was presented suggesting early action on traffic control alternatives along Oxford that might enhance safety. One that was repeated frequently and would be relatively easy to implement was to place stop signs at all intersections along Oxford. Certainly increasing the number of such traffic control measures would seem to make sense, and at its most recent meeting the Town Council discussed a trial proposal to essentially turn all the intersections along Oxford into four-way stops. Stop signs create advantages in potentially reducing speeds and increasing attention of drivers at intersections, but frequent stops tend to frustrate drivers, most of whom are town residents, and may become counter-productive. A diagram of the trial proposal is posted on Dropbox at <https://goo.gl/VlFiZu> and this link is on the town Web page. The diagram is also on the Post Office bulletin board. We are on the verge of going live with our new Web site, and it will be posted there when that occurs. The Town Councilmembers would very much like to receive your comments on the proposal. Please speak to them individually, e-mail them at their

respective e-mail addresses (in the format [councilhans@garrettparkmd.gov](mailto:councilhans@garrettparkmd.gov)), or reach them all at [mayorandtowncouncil@garrettparkmd.gov](mailto:mayorandtowncouncil@garrettparkmd.gov).

Also suggested at the sidewalk hearings was restricting parking to only one side of Oxford. Recently a resident stated that parking on both sides of Oxford may have delayed emergency vehicles attempting to respond to a call. Oxford is among the narrowest streets in town, being only 18 feet wide in some places. Cars use about six feet when parked, and trucks and vans even more, so when cars are parked on both sides of the street it can be difficult for even an automobile to negotiate the remaining space. Restricting parking constrains residents who want to park in front of their homes and can cause difficulties for visitors and for trucks providing services. Your thoughts about this proposal are also solicited; please respond by the means indicated above.

Apparently MARC has become more popular, resulting in parking during the day extending further along both Rokeby and Argyle. Some residents say they are having difficulty exiting their driveways because of cars on the opposite side of the street. They are asking that at least some portions of Rokeby have parking banned on one side of the street. People will still park, only farther down on Rokeby and on Argyle. Again, we ask for your comments.

Unfortunately, our ordinances do not provide a mechanism that allows enforcement of our traffic laws. The town code says that "The mayor shall appoint a member of the Council to be the enforcement-official whose duty shall be to issue a citation or citations to any person or persons alleged to be cogitating an infraction." The number of issues that sentence raises is sufficient to discourage any action by the town. Further, the ordinances require that the citation must specify the name and address of the person charged. This makes it impossible to ticket a vehicle. We are working on changing those provisions.

Peter Benjamin

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